

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Jon Sonju, on March 28, 2007 at 3:30 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bill Nooney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Andrew Geiger, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 159, SB 463
Executive Action: SB 36, SB 305, SJR 22

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 36

00:00:41 **Motion:** Rep. Furey moved that **SB 36 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:01:02 Andrew Geiger

00:01:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Rep. Wilson and Rep. Nooney voted aye by proxy.

HEARING ON SB 159

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:15 Sen. Dan Harrington (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on
SB 159, Include drug use in county drinking and driving
prevention programs.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:25 Jim Lynch, Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT)
00:06:18 Don Hargrove, Montana Addiction Services Providers
00:06:57 Jayne Hamman, Montana Traffic Education Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:44 Rep. Furey
00:08:21 Director Lynch, MDOT
00:09:12 Rep. Arntzen
00:10:19 Director Lynch, MDOT

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:29 Sen. Harrington

HEARING ON SB 463

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:11:02 Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D), SD 18, opened the hearing on
SB 463, Revise 4-lane construction on Highway 2.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:23 Jim Lynch, Montana Department of Transportation
00:15:34 Bob Cevertson, Highway 2 Association
00:16:27 Mike Anderson, Hill County Commission
00:17:15 Jim Peparence
00:18:14 Robert Call

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:21:11 Rep. Sonju
00:21:20 Sen. Kitzenberg
00:21:50 Rep. Malcolm
00:22:27 Director Lynch, MDOT
00:24:01 Rep. MacLaren
00:24:25 Director Lynch, MDOT
00:26:12 Rep. Sonju
00:26:36 Director Lynch, MDOT

Closing by Sponsor:

00:29:09 Sen. Kitzenberg

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 305

00:30:05 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **SB 305 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:30:28 Rep. Arntzen
00:30:36 Andrew Geiger
00:31:27 Rep. Arntzen

00:31:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:32:02 Bruce Spenser

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJR 22

00:33:13 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **SJR 22 BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

00:33:31 Andrew Geiger

00:34:40 Rep. Wiseman

00:34:50 Andrew Geiger

00:35:27 Rep. Kottel

00:37:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

00:38:42 Adjournment

REP. JON SONJU, Chairman

KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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